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The Honorable Forbes Burnham
Prime Minister
Government Buildings
Brickdam
Georgetown
Guyana, South America

Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

I am writing on behalf of Peoples' Temple and my friend, Jim Jones. I have known of the work of the church for seven or eight years, and have known Jim during that time. We have talked of Guyana and the work of the church there.

Jim has sounded to me much like David I. Mitchell, whose office is in Barbados, when he has talked of the quality of life, and hopes and possibilities for the future in Guyana. My wife and I heard Dr. Mitchell several weeks ago, and are reading his book, New Mission for a New People: Voices from The Caribbean, with interest. I turned first to the chapter on Guyana, because of my familiarity with the country through Jim.

Jim and Peoples' Temple have worked with the weak and the poor and the oppressed providing health care, counsel for those in conflict with the law, and housing for the aged and retarded. His identification with the people who live in public housing in San Francisco brought him into conflict with vested interests who derive income from their services to the housing authority. Jim stood with the residents over against those who made money in the housing areas, but lived elsewhere.

I am persuaded that Peoples' Temple is committed to the welfare of the people. They can provide men and women with skills and commitment to work with the people of Guyana. As I understand Guyana, their vision of the future future is in harmony with the hopes of the people Guyana.

I wish you and your people well, and the people of Peoples' Temple who cast their lot with you.

With peace and hope,

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